

FISCAL NOTE

HB 774 - SB 798

March 27, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires any local education agency (LEA) school teacher who transitions from part-time to full-time employment to be eligible for health insurance benefits.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:


Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- T.C.A. 8-27-304 (a) states that enrollment for health insurance benefits shall be open to all eligible employees regardless of preexisting conditions. As a result, LEA school teachers who transition to full-time employment from part-time employment are assumed to be eligible for health insurance benefits under current law.
- Public Acts 2006, Chapter 963, Section 11, Item 2 appropriated an amount equal to 45% of the premium cost for LEA employees for FY06-07.
- The General Assembly continues to appropriate 45% of premiums for future fiscal years.
- According to the Division of Insurance within the Department of Finance and Administration, there is no fiscal impact to the state as a result of this bill.
- The increase to state expenditures for this change in statute is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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